Welfare is reviewing the situation on continuous basis. All the major hospitals are fully equipped to manage the cases of this illness, having sufficient stock of medicines and laboratory reagents. All the hospitals have been directed to ensure regular and timely reported of cases to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), which has been identified as the nodal agency to coordinate all the activities.

MCD has undertaken extensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) measures. Chemoprohhylaxis is being given to high-risk personnel such as health care/ laboratory worker and close contacts of the cases. A central team has investigated and provided technical support for containment of the outbreak of meningococcal disease in Meghalaya state during 4th-11 th April 2008.

Epidemiological analysis of the relevant data is being carried out by N1CD which also provides technical guidelines to States in the neighborhood of Delhi alongwith State of Meghalaya to prevent and control meningococcal diseases, including training and laboratory support to hospitals. NICD has also sent CD Alert on the Meningococcal disease to MCD for circulation to all the reporting units which includes case definition, clinical profile management of cases, prevention and control measures for outbreaks.

Pan-India survey on counterfeit drugs

3477. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched a Pan-India survey to ascertain the extent of counterfeit drugs produced in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has since collected the information in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take against the producers and suppliers of such drugs which have caused immense harm to the patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) It has been decided to carry out a survey to assess the extent of spurious drugs in the country on the basis of statistical principles as suggested by Indian Statistical Institute, Hyderabad.

(d) The Government has taken various measures including steps to further amend the penal provisions already prescribed under Drugs & Cosmetics Act to make the punishment more stringent which will make the law deterrent to the offenders involved in the manufacture or sale of spurious drugs.

National mental health programme

3478. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to review the contents of the National Mental Health Programme;